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## ***New Distribution Center, 113 New Jobs Come to Hendricks County***

INDIANAPOLIS— Lt. Governor Joe Kernan welcomed yet another 21<sup>st</sup> century logistics facility to Hendricks County today, as GENCO Distribution System announced the opening of its new facility in Brownsburg and the creation of 113 new jobs.

Located in the Eaglepoint Business Park, the company will lease 198,000 square feet of Lauth Property Group's 396,000 square-foot Eagle Three building and invest \$6 million in the facility. The cutting-edge bulk distribution facility offers the latest warehouse features and will serve as a return center for *Best Buy*.

"Today marks another great win for Hendricks County and for central Indiana," said Kernan who serves as the director for the Indiana Department of Commerce. "Without a doubt, Indiana is the 'Crossroads of America' and every day we are taking advantage of that fact by welcoming more businesses like GENCO Distribution System to our state. We are excited about the continued partnership between the state and the Hendricks County Partnership that is making days like this possible."

GENCO Distribution System, is a recognized leader in full product lifecycle logistics management and reverse logistics management. GENCO services a wide array of retail and manufacturing clients.

According to Curtis Greve, president of GENCO's retail business unit, "GENCO is excited about this state-of-the-art distribution center. We worked with Summit Realty Group, Lauth Property Group and Cushman Wakefield Alliance to evaluate potential sites in the Indianapolis area before deciding on Eaglepoint."

GENCO Distribution joins several 21<sup>st</sup> century logistics – or, high-tech distribution – companies choosing to locate or expand in central Indiana in recent months, including Case New Holland, USCO Logistics, Guitar Centers, CertainTeed, Whirlpool, HomeGoods and Belkin.

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“We are pleased to have GENCO here,” said Harold Gutzwiller, executive director of the Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership. “The location of this facility means more good paying jobs for our residents and it continues to position Hendricks County as a leader in the logistics area. ”

To secure the project, the Indiana Department of Commerce worked with the Hendricks County Partnership, the Indy Partnership, Summit Realty and Lauth Property Group.

Commerce offered \$17,500 from its Skills Enhancement Fund to assist training new employees in skills required by the project and up to \$50,000 from its Technology Enhancement Certifications for Hoosiers Fund to train the company’s information technology professionals. Commerce also awarded the town of Brownsburg up to \$168,000 to assist in the cost of public infrastructure improved needed at the site. In addition, the town of Brownsburg awarded a 5-year tax abatement on real property worth \$72,604.

The Indiana Department of Commerce awards Skills Enhancement Fund (SEF) grants to Indiana companies that undertake capital investment projects. The grants help defray the costs of training new and current employees in transferable and company-specific skills necessary to support these projects. The Technology Enhancement Certifications for Hoosiers (TECH) Fund is used for costs associated with certifying a company’s information technology professionals in areas including systems administration, systems engineering and software development. The Industrial Development Grant Fund provides assistance to local units of government for off-site infrastructure projects in support of business development.

Companies interested in these or other Commerce programs should contact the their regional Commerce office at 800.463.8081 or access its Web site at [www.indianacommerce.com](http://www.indianacommerce.com).

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